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Applicant : James A. Laugharn, Jr. et al.

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Serial No. : To be assigned

Examiner : Unknown

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Title : PRESSURE-CONTROLLED NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/035,652, filed March 5, 1998, which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/076,478, filed March 2, 1998, and of International Application No. PCT/US97/11198, filed July 1, 1997. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-16.

Add claims 17-23.

-- 17. A nucleic acid amplification method, comprising:

(1) providing a sample vessel and temperature and pressure controllers for the vessel;

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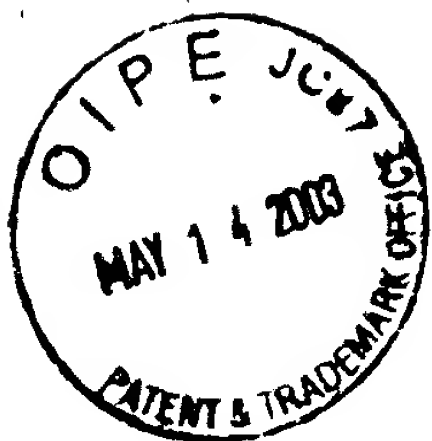
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REPLY

In reply to the action mailed January 13, 2003, please consider the remarks on the following sheets, a total of 2 pages. Applicants ask that all claims be allowed

Enclosed is a \$55.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 07985-019002.

Respectfully submitted,

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